

ARTICLE 10. PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE BY A DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT

71-10-1. Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this regulation:

(a) "Dental hygiene student" means a person who meets the following requirements:

(1) Has completed at least one semester of full-time dental hygiene education, including all pre-clinical courses, at an educational institution. For purposes of this article, "pre-clinical courses" shall mean the courses that are a prerequisite to academic clinical courses; and

(2) is currently enrolled as a student at an educational institution.

(b) "Educational institution" means a dental hygiene school approved by the board that has obtained approval from the board to operate an educational program, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1423(a)(9) and amendments thereto, in which dental hygiene students will perform dental hygiene.

(c) "Supervising dental hygienist" means a dental hygienist who meets the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has an active license to practice dental hygiene in Kansas; or

(B) is eligible to be licensed in Kansas and has an application to be licensed in Kansas pending;

(2) has faculty status with an educational institution;

(3) has been assigned to a department of the educational institution and has agreed in writing to use the department's objectives in supervising and evaluating the work of the dental hygiene students supervised; and

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(4) has agreed in writing to confer as necessary, but at least annually, with the department chair and educational institution administrators to ensure that the educational activities supervised by the supervising dental hygienist are being conducted to achieve the educational goals of the educational institution.

(d) "Supervising dentist" means a dentist who meets the following requirements:

(1)(A) Has an active license to practice dentistry in Kansas; or

(B) is eligible to be licensed in Kansas and has an application to be licensed in Kansas pending;

(2) has faculty status with an educational institution;

(3) has been assigned to a department of the educational institution and has agreed in writing to use the department's objectives in supervising and evaluating the work of the dental hygiene students; and

(4) has agreed in writing to confer as necessary, but at least annually, with the department chair and educational institution administrators to ensure that the educational activities supervised by the supervising dentist are being conducted to achieve the educational goals of the educational institution. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406(l); implementing K.S.A. 65-1423(a)(9); effective P-_____.)

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71-10-2. Approval of educational program. The administrator of each educational program shall not permit any dental hygiene student to perform the practice of dental hygiene in this state unless the educational program has been approved by the board. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406(l); implementing K.S.A. 65-1423(a)(9); effective P-_____.)

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71-10-3. Requirements for approval of educational program. To be approved, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1423(a)(9) and amendments thereto, as an educational program in which the practice of dental hygiene may be performed by a dental hygiene student, the administrator of each educational program shall ensure that all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The administrator of the educational program shall file a written application with the executive director of the board. This application shall be submitted upon the form furnished by the board.

(b) The educational program shall be operated pursuant to a written affiliation agreement between an educational institution and an entity that qualifies under K.S.A. 65-1466(a) and amendments thereto. The affiliation agreement shall establish requirements for the educational program and for the supervising dentist or supervising dental hygienist that are consistent with these regulations.

(c) Each dental hygiene student shall be permitted to practice dental hygiene only under the direct supervision of a supervising dentist or a supervising dental hygienist.

(d) Patient records that meet the requirements of the Kansas dental practice act and the board's regulations are maintained.

(e) The educational institution shall retain full responsibility for the care of each patient treated by a dental hygiene student.

(f) Each dental hygiene student shall have professional liability coverage through the educational institution.

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